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Artists of Abraham Lincoln portraits

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Louis A Warren
East Wayne Md

Dear Sir:-

Yours of a few days ago
recd - Mr Sorbent Probation Officer of
the Talton Cir. Court. told me of a
neighbor who had the Lincoln relic I
wrote you concerning - It now seems
to be an ancient pen and ink
drawing with quite a bit of script
under the picture - This is my latest
information -

The man who owns this heir-
loom is named Lee, and he is
a Commercial Artist for the
Studebaker Corp - at St Bend -

This drawing and script is as
yet unframed and your humble
servant has not as yet been
able to see it as I understand
they have it at their residence
in St Bend - I do not know their
St Bend address - In the summer



These folks seem to reside
on a farm near Mrs Swiharts
home N.E. of Rochester -

I am very sorry this has
turned out as it has as I was
hoping I had struck a find
in something very interesting in
Lincoln's own hand writing -

Anyhow I am going to pursue
this a little farther and will
immediately let you know if
anything results favorable -

I beg to remain

Very truly

Henry A. Zellers



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EMPLOYEES POSSESS OLD NEWSPAPERS REPORTING
DEATH OF WASHINGTON-ASSASSINATION OF LINCOLN
BY FRANCES LONGLEY

Miss Peggy Purciller and Mrs. Evelyn Marshall have recently discovered newspapers among the possessions of members of their families which are intrinsically real museum pieces. Coincidentally, both were printed in New York State, one commemorating the death of George Washington, and the other reporting the shooting and death of Abraham Lincoln, the issue date of the first being Saturday, Jan 4, 1800, and of the other, Saturday, April 14, 1865.

WASHINGTON

The fragile 140 year old four page sheet printed at Kingston, Ulster County, New York, by Samuel Freer and Son Vol. II, Number 88 of the ULSTER COUNTY GAZETTE, a weekly, was accidentally discovered by Miss Purciller when exploring the contents of a curio cabinet, given to her mother,-- Mrs. S. J. Purciller, as a child. There are articles, editorials, and poetry on the death of Washington which occurred December 14, 1799. (The letter "f" sometimes doubles for the letter "s") Quoting briefly WASHINGTON ENTOMBED GEORGETOWN DECEMBER 20TH "On Wednesday laft, the mortal part of WASHINGTON, THE GREAT THE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY was configned to the tomb with solemn honors and funeral pomp"

There is a message of sympathy from the Senate to President John Adams and his reply.

Foreign news includes "manoeuvres of Buonaparte, "and a

three month old bulletin issued at Strasbrough that the army of the Rhine had retaken Manheim and Frankfort, the enemy having lost 300 men, and 10,000 peasants having risen in mass, throwing down their weapons.

The two back pages are given over to ads. including a column entitled Sheriff's Sales. Peter Van Broeck, Sheriff Other interesting ones are:

"Strayed a red bull branded on both horns P T B." A quantity of Schohorny peas for sale or will be exchanged for wheat "

SECOND NOTICE

"Of my wife Hanah is hereby given, forbidding all persons whatever from harboring or keeping her and from trusting her on my account as I am determined to pay no debts of her contracting "

- Matys Van Steenbergh
Nov. 18. 1799

LINCOLN

Mrs Evelyn Marshall found the 75 year old New York Herald. reporting the death of Lincoln. in a trunk which had belonged to her aunt, Mrs. William Allison of Grapevine, Texas, who was about five years old in 1865. She was one of two daughters of a Civil War widow, the other being Evelyn's mother. The sisters died within three weeks of each other in 1939.

This copy of THE NEW YORK HERALD, four cents, James Gordon Bennett, Editor and Proprietor, has an unusual picture of Lincoln
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PERSONNELITIES



VICE PRESIDENT RECALLS
REAL WINTERS

When it gets 20 below and it's almost impossible to come to work—that's the time to come "down south". Just ask Mr. E. G. Brown, a former "northerner".

Carrying a paper route in six feet of snow takes determination. Mr. Brown would get up early and carry his route before the snow plow cleared the streets.

While Mr. Brown was working in New Jersey for Metropolitan Life, the train and ferry boat were his means of transportation. Often the switches would freeze on the tracks and the trains would be held up for hours. Now steam defrosts the ice on the switches. Many a time the ferry boat's paddle wheel would encounter a huge piece of ice, and the boat would be temporarily caught between the ice blocks. Heavy fog was the worse menace to face. Sometimes it would take an hour or more for the ferry to cross the Hudson.

Mr. Brown hears all the latest weather reports about New England from his parents and sisters who still live in New Jersey. And from recent reports about blizzards, Mr. Brown said he is glad to be in sunny Texas enjoying the balmy weather. Did someone say balmy?

EXECUTIVE TURNS POLITICO

Residents of Preston Hollow who recently gave voice to their political sentiments would up a frenzied voting session by electing Mr. G. L. Soelter to the position of councilman.

MISS ROSENTHAL

Miss Leila Rosenthal, secretary to Mr. E. G. Brown, Actuary for the Company, began her business career in a very peculiar fashion. She moved from Jefferson, Texas to Dallas in August 1918. After a short time in the city, she decided to become a business woman. Finding herself short of money and without the sympathy of her brother, she went to the bank and borrowed on his Liberty Bond without his knowledge. The following spring she began work for Southwestern Life, after being with Dorsey Printing Company for only a month.

For three months she acted as secretary to Mr. Lane in the Agency Department. At this point she became the secretary for the Actuary of the company, where she has remained ever since.

Mr. Brown, for whom Miss Rosenthal has been secretary for the past 20 years, tells this story on her. When he first came with the Company his extremely youthful appearance led Miss Rosenthal, who was scheduled to be his secretary, to remark that she did not wish to work for that "kid". So - for 20 years she's been working for that "kid". B. Williams

PERSONAL GLANCES

1. Snowbird Balch. 2. Mrs. Hunter lectures her class. 3. Eskimo Lee. 4. Vivian Hudson's birthday party. 5. Interesting view of the snow. 6. Politico G. L. Soelter. 7. Margaret Rountree battles Edgar Wilson. 8-9 Old-paper-owners Peg Purciller and Evelyn Marshall. 10 - Catherine Lohr, whom we omitted in error last issue.

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